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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence
VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Legislative Counsel
FROM : S. D. Breckinridge
SUBJECT : HSCA Proposal for Review of Preliminary
Reports

1. Action Requested: There is a recommendation for your approval in paragraph 4.

2. Background: The Chief Counsel of the HSCA has proposed a procedure, outside the formal Memorandum of Understanding, for preliminary review of the draft reports prepared by the staff. We will be provided the reports and will convey our comments in a series of meetings. To avoid a record of the exchanges we must agree to keep no copies of the draft (we will be allowed to reproduce copies) and to prepare no formal papers; all Agency reaction will be kept in informal working notes that will be destroyed. We must commit ourselves to this and establish procedures that will insure compliance.

3. This will provide us with an opportunity to correct certain positions that have been developed at the working level in the HSCA staff, as well as avoiding the difficulties of coping with a large report within the agreed five days when it is finally ready for formal comment. We have stated that we insist that any exchanges be with senior staff members to insure that our corrections and views are accurately handled. A detailed memorandum of the discussion is attached.

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